

## **Region 3 GPRA Baseline RCRA Corrective Action Facility**

# **Sartomer Company, Inc.**

**610 South Bolmar Street  
West Chester, PA 19382  
Congressional District 16  
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## **Current Progress at the Site**

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Sartomer Company is utilizing the flexibility available under RCRA and highlighted in a recent EPA headquarters RCRA Reforms Initiative to move ahead with remediation activities without a permit or Order under Region 3's Facility Lead Program. As part of the Facility Lead Program, Sartomer submitted a Letter of Commitment to EPA on April 9, 2001.

In 1987 Sartomer (then ARCO) recognized there had been a release of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) such as benzene, toluene, and heptane to groundwater. In 1988 they began a groundwater pump and treat remediation program. At that time the system consisted on 23 wells and the VOC concentration at the facility boundary was more than 10,000 parts per billion (ppb). The remediation system has been modified and upgraded over time. In 1996, the groundwater testing at the facility boundary shows less than 10 ppb for benzene, less than 1 part per million (the drinking water limit) for toluene, and heptane cannot be detected.

Remediation activities are continuing within the facility boundaries. Contamination at the facility is now confined to 3 distinct areas which are being addressed through active (ex. vapor extraction) and enhanced passive (ex. augmented bioremediation) technologies.

Sartomer submitted a completed Corrective Action Program Work Plan in December, 2001. EPA evaluated the work plan and met with Sartomer in September, 2002. As a result of that meeting, Sartomer will submit a revised work plan in the Spring, 2003.

## **Site Description**

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The Sartomer Company facility (now part of Atofina) is located in West Chester, Chester County, PA. It is located in an industrial area with a small stream and a high-density residential area to the west. The area is served by a public water and sewer system.

The facility began operations in 1967. It is primarily a manufacturer of multi-functional acrylate and methacrylate monomers that are used in the surface coating industry. Wastes generated by the site include various forms of wastewater or sludge containing acrylic or methacrylic acid, sodium

hydroxide, and sodium salts. A hydrocarbon waste stream includes benzene (until 1989), toluene, and heptane.

## **Site Responsibility**

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Corrective Action activities at Sartomer are being conducted under the direction of EPA, under RCRA Corrective Action, and PADEP, under Act 2.

## **Contaminants**

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There are 3 areas of groundwater contamination which contain benzene, toluene, and heptane. The contaminated groundwater is contained on-site. Contaminated soils have been removed.

## **Community Interaction**

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If there is further action, EPA will inform the public.

## **Government Contacts**

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